

## COMMISSIONERS IN BUSY SESSION

MANY MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE RECEIVE ATTENTION DURING THE TWO DAYS THEY WERE AT WORK

## ROAD MATTERS OCCUPY MUCH OF THEIR TIME

Ordered That Court Yard Be Planted to Blue Grass and White Clover—Better Lighting System Provided For—Contract With City for Water—Overhaul Sewer in Court House.

The Hon. Commissioners' Court of Lubbock County, met in regular session, Monday, April 13, and there was quite a lot of business transacted. Quarterly report of W. E. Bledsoe, County Sheep Inspector, was received, examined and approved, and Mr. Bledsoe was allowed \$50, the amount due him for the quarter ending April 13, 1914.

The result of the election held in Common School District No. 5, was canvassed and found that the result was in favor of issuing \$2,000 in bonds, of date July 15, 1914, in a series of \$100 each, due in 20 years, bearing 5 per cent interest.

The Lubbock-Brownfield road question was taken up and the report of the jury of view that was appointed at the last sitting of the court, was approved, including the damages which they assessed, and the road was ordered opened as far as the east line of Donley county school and in Hochley county. The clerk was ordered to issue warrants against the Road and Bridge fund for the damages assessed, also for the payment for the services of the jury of view.

J. C. Levy, of Slaton, was appointed Deputy Hide and Animal Inspector.

It was ordered that all accounts against the county must hereafter be sworn to when filed, except for supplies that are furnished the officials, and in this case the officer receiving the same shall approve the account.

P. V. Williams, Road Overseer of Road Precinct No. 29, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and T. J. Able was appointed to fill out the unexpired term, or until his successor shall be elected.

J. M. Hotter tendered his resignation to the office of Road Overseer for Road District No. 15 1/2; same was accepted, and Fred Hotter was appointed to fill his place.

C. V. Young offered his resignation as Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 2; same was accepted and the office declared vacant. J. P. Loomis was appointed to succeed him and upon presentation of the necessary bond will be declared Justice of the Peace for that precinct.

In the Trustee election in School District No. 1, an election was held to elect one trustee, and the canvass of the vote by the court showed that J. W. Moore had received the majority of votes; he was declared elected to that office.

It was ordered by the court that the court house yard be set in blue grass and white clover.

The county accepted the offer of the City of Lubbock to furnish water for the court house, and agreed to pay for same at the rate of 12 1/2¢ per 1,000 gallons.

In response to a petition of a number of people, a road of the third class was ordered opened, beginning at the north end of Railroad Avenue,

Slaton, Texas, and running to a point point on the Lubbock-Crosbyton road, to a point near the John L. Wortham farm.

Upon a petition of H. D. Talley and others, a road of the third class was ordered opened from the east end of Railroad Avenue, Slaton, Texas, to a point 3 miles north, which is the northeast corner of Section 35, Block 8, thence in a northerly direction along the old road to a point on the west line of Crosby county in Survey 1961, Block D-19.

It was ordered by the court that four monuments be made, three feet long by 18 inches square at the bottom and 12 inches square at the top, came to be used to mark the corners, on the Lubbock and Crosbyton road, of Lubbock county permanently when the lines and corners have been thoroughly established. The same were ordered made by J. B. Pryor, and R. A. Barclay was authorized to receive same when finished, the cost to be \$12 for the four.

It appeared to the court that there would be a balance of about \$75 due J. H. Mullin for work on road, before the next sitting of the court, and it was ordered that the clerk be instructed to pay same on approval of L. O. Burford.

J. M. Barnett, having been shown the court that he had paid to the county \$1.00 in excess of the amount of his taxes, he was reimbursed to that amount.

County Judge E. R. Haynes having paid out \$3.75 for the benefit of Mrs. Guthrie and family, while they were in need, he was reimbursed to that amount.

The county plumbing system appearing badly out of repair, it was ordered that competent plumbers be employed to put same in repair at once.

The clerk was ordered to issue a warrant to F. E. Wheelock for \$25, to be used for the installation of an electric light pole on the court house square.

The jury of view on the road out of Abernathy, as outlined in our last report of the court's proceedings, reported and the court accepted, the report and the jury was discharged. The road was ordered opened and all damages to be paid as per the report, including the payment of the jury of view's fees, composed of K. C. Sterrett, J. D. Oliver and W. E. Matejowski, each \$4.00.

A petition signed by Jas. L. Benton and others, asking for a road, beginning at the s.w. corner of Section 50, Block 8, thence west six miles, on section lines to the Tahoka road, to southwest corner of Survey 65, was examined by the court, and receiving favor in their sight, the following were appointed a jury of view to view out the proposed road and assess the damages if any—F. V. Brown, L. W. Wilkie, S. G. Stewart, Clem Killian and J. Benton. The court then adjourned.

## WENT TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Lubbock People Went to Church Last Sunday and Heard Good Sermons At the Various Churches

For several weeks, there has been an effort put forth to get all who could or would—and that means everybody under normal conditions—to attend church somewhere in Lubbock Sunday, April 19th. The day dawned beautiful and remained so, and the conditions were ideal, except that quite a number were kept at home on account of being quarantined because of contagious diseases. This caused the effort to fall below expectation of the promoters of the move to a certain extent.

Following is the attendance statistics of the churches named for the three services—Sunday School, the morning and evening services:

South Side Christian—Sunday School, 77; morning service, 101; evening service, 90. Total—268.

Methodist—Sunday School, 212; morning service, 231; evening service, 120. Total—623.

Baptist—Sunday School, 177; morning service, 210; evening service, 140. Total—527.

East Side Christian—Sunday School, 117; morning service, 220; evening service, 154. Total—491.

First Presbyterian—Sunday School, 22; morning service, 71; evening service, 15. Total—108.

Cumberland Presbyterian—Sunday School, 69; morning service, 75; evening service, 125. Total—269.

Nazarene—Sunday School, 24; morning service, 40; afternoon service, about 30. Total, about 94.

## LADIES ENTERTAINED

The ladies of the Christian church met Monday afternoon at the church, from where they were taken in buggies and autos to the home of Mrs. J. E. Chase, and were there most pleasantly entertained by Mesdames Chase, Jones and Edwards.

This was a tribute occasion, being the time for our regular monthly reception—another one of those "happy returns," for Mrs. L. I. Rouse and a farewell to her, as she expects to soon go to Corpus Christi. Her going from us causes a feeling of sorrow and we know her genial smile and her words of encouragement will be missed, but we hope for her return.

The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in conversation, music by Miss Wanda Edwards, who has a voice of unusual quality; a reading of a patriotic nature, rendered by Miss Lillian Knox; also a humorous reading by Miss Wanda.

The presence of Mrs. C. M. Whipp, of Oklahoma, and Mrs. H. N. Earle, of San Antonio, Texas, was much enjoyed. Last, but by no means least, we were served to delicious angel food cake, devil's food cake, and ambrosia with whipped cream.

It was a question of grave concern with some of us which cake we should eat, but finally selected it by eating both, without any evil effect.

Mrs. Rouse requests the names of every guest for her future pleasure. They follow: Mesdames Frances Knox, Frank Bowles, L. A. Robinson, W. G. Russell, T. C. Graden, L. W. Squires, R. W. Walker, O. G. Kershner, Jno. Varbrough, H. J. Lowrey, J. F. Mahews, John R. McGee, S. W. Wilkinson, H. N. Earle (of San Antonio), J. C. Ward, B. D. McLarry, C. M. Whipp (of Okla.), J. N. Hinton, Jas. Robinson, J. D. Quick, J. E. Chase, L. I. Rouse, S. J. Chase, Sallie Jones, Misses Lillian Knox, Wanda Edwards, Ruby Jones, Bessie Edwards and little Misses Myrl Varbrough, Mary Lois Varbrough, Lillian McGee, Leonora Mathews, Lou Ella Mathews, Myra Chase, Masters John Robinson, Edwin Chase, J. Winston Chase, Allen T. Bowles.

## A GUEST.

## LITTLEFIELD ELECTS TEACHERS

Littlefield, Texas, April 21.—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees here, yesterday, J. P. Hatchett was elected Principal of our public school for the term beginning Sept. 7, 1914, and Miss Ola Page, First Assistant.

Mrs. E. Y. Lee is in the Overton Sanitarium this week for an operation, and, we understand, has very successfully undergone the operation and is recovering splendidly.

H. P. Oliver was over from Farwell, J. O. Abney, proprietor of the Tonnesco Store, left Monday for Lockney on business. He will be away for several days.

R. H. Pierce, who has been visiting with his wife in Dallas the past few weeks, returned Wednesday.

## COL. SHANNON DEAD

First County Judge Lubbock County Had Dies at Marble Falls, Texas, A Few Weeks Ago

W. G. Shannon, who had been a citizen of our town for only a few months, died last Saturday afternoon at 7:00 o'clock. He was buried in the City Cemetery, Sunday afternoon, Rev. N. G. Ozment, of the Methodist church, conducting the funeral. Deceased is survived by a wife and one son.

We knew very little of Mr. Shannon; in fact, had only made his acquaintance, but his deportment while a citizen of our town was very creditable. His death was caused from Bright's disease.

From the notes used by Rev. Ozment in conducting the funeral, we learn the following facts concerning the life of Mr. Shannon:

Mr. Shannon was born in Mississippi in 1843; served in the Confederate army throughout the war, attaining the rank of Colonel before its close. He was a loyal, fearless soldier; he often recounted the incidents, both pleasant and sad one, of the war. He had a very high regard for truth and detested a man who would knowingly misrepresent a fact. He was generous-hearted toward his enemies during the war, holding President Lincoln and Gen. Grant in very high esteem. He was ever ready to divide his last ration with his fellow soldiers.

These are some of the noble traits which were characteristic of the deceased at a time when it took a man to "be of good courage." From what we can learn, these noble traits must have journeyed through life with Mr. Shannon.

The Messenger joins the citizenship of our town in extending sympathy to the heart-broken wife and son.

The above sketch is from the Marble Falls Messenger; and in addition to this, we wish to state that Col. Shannon was the first judge that Lubbock county elected after its organization in 1890, which office he was honored with two terms, four years. He was a highly respected citizen and made the county an honorable officer.

He was a Colonel in the 11th Mississippi for four years, under Robert E. Lee; came to Texas in the early days, very soon after the war, and settled in Eastland county, and was elected Sheriff of that county in 1882. He left Lubbock during the year 1898 and located in Corpus Christi, where he remained several years.

All the old-timers in Lubbock are his friends, so far as we have been able to learn, and they sympathize with the bereaved wife and son in the death of this good man.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, according to an announcement from the office of President E. P. Ripley, will, through its Division Superintendents, give local public officials in Santa Fe territory the benefit of its knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to the construction of buildings, highways, bridges, sewers and other work of like character, when invited to for the service. President Ripley takes the position that the Santa Fe being a heavy taxpayer in every city and township traversed by its lines, is interested in all public improvements to the extent of having the best work done with the funds available, because many townships and small cities in which public improvements are contemplated are not in a position to engage high-priced engineering talent. To these localities the Santa Fe suggests cooperation; and it will, upon request to superintendents, furnish information from competent engineers and architects regarding the work in hand. The new policy is now effective.

Mrs. Jesse Cope, of Abilene, was in the city this week. Mrs. Cope is representing the Western Coffee Company, of El Paso, and gave a demonstration of the merits of their "Statesman" brand at the store of J. H. Moore. We pronounce it A-1.

Mrs. A. B. Whitehead, of Slaton, came up on the morning train Tuesday, and is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Dickinson.

Mrs. W. J. Williams and children returned Monday from a few weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Justice, at Justiceburg.

H. V. Hargett was here Tuesday from Shalwater, trading, and also brought in the mail from Shalwater postoffice.

## U. S. IN WAR WITH MEXICO

AFTER HUERTA'S REFUSAL TO SALUTE AMERICAN FLAG PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS ORDERS BLOCKADE OF PORTS

## VERA CRUZ NOW UNDER UNITED STATES FLAG

United States Marines are in Full Charge of That Port. Tam. Next Town to be Taken Charge of—Americans Dead to Date, Twelve—Fifty Wounded.

Vera Cruz, Apr. 21.—Vera Cruz tonight is in the hands of forces from the United States warships, but the occupation of the port was not accomplished without loss of American lives.

Four Americans, bluejackets and marines, were killed by the fire of the Mexican soldiers and 20 fell from being wounded. The Mexican loss is not known, but it is believed to have been heavy. The water front, the customs house, and all important piers, including those under the terminal works, from which extend the railroads to the capital, have been occupied. All territory around the American Consulate is strongly patrolled and detachments hold other sections of the city.

The Mexican commander, General Gustavo Maas, offered a stubborn resistance to the American advance, and for many hours there was fighting in the streets. Toward nightfall it was reported that the main body of the federal garrison was in retreat to the westward.

Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the United States warships, prefaced his occupation of the port by a demand through the American Consul, W. W. Canada, for its surrender. Gen. Maas promptly declined to accede to this demand and shortly afterward ten whaleboats were sent off from the side of the transport Prairie, loaded with marines.

These boats effected a landing in the neighborhood of the customs house before noon, and a few minutes later Captain William R. Rush, of the Battleship Florida, who was in command of the shore operations, brought his flag in.

Washington, Apr. 21. Marines and bluejackets of the American navy to-

day took the customs house and a large section of Vera Cruz, with a loss of four killed and 20 wounded.

The loss of the Mexican garrison was not officially known here tonight, but was estimated at 200 killed. This was the first step taken in the program of reprisal by the United States against the Huerta government for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico, and other offense "against the rights and dignity of the United States."

Vera Cruz, April 22.—Vera Cruz, after a day and a night of resistance to the American forces, gradually ceased its opposition today. Urged by Rear Admiral Fletcher, the city began returning to its normal civil government under its local officials.

The gradual cessation of hostilities was brought about through notes sent by Consul Canada to the Mayor, (the Jefe Politico, or chief federal civilian official), Chief of Police and other officials, complimenting them for their co-operation.

From the Diligencia Hotel, the sharpshooters directed a most troublesome fire. House-top fighting, which has been more or less continuous since the operations began, began sharply this morning as soon as it became light enough to aim.

\$500,000 to Help Americans Out of Mexico is Voted

Washington, Apr. 22.—An appropriation of \$500,000, to be used in bringing American citizens out of Mexico, was voted late by the house today, without debate or division. The senate appropriations committee will take up the resolution at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, and it will probably go to the senate soon afterward.

## ABERNATHY NEWS

Mrs. Dr. Long and sister left Monday to visit relatives and friends in Comanche county.

Mrs. Crow, of Plainview, visited with Mrs. R. M. Hester last week.

Prof. Younger, the principal of the High School at Abernathy, left Tuesday for Canyon, to visit his parents.

Mrs. Hall, of Littlefield, is visiting with Mrs. Anna Pearson this week.

Mrs. Smith, of Littlefield, is visiting her son, Mr. Smith, and also her daughter, Mrs. Clark, of Abernathy.

The school children and others enjoyed the picnic Monday.

The large crowd that attended our church Sunday, listened with great interest to the sermon delivered by Rev. S. J. Upton, of Plainview.

The school at Strip will close on Thursday of this week. They are looking forward with interest to the closing exercises.

Miss Richter, who has been teaching at Center, left Wednesday for Burnet county, to visit her parents.

E. P. Crow's daughter, of Hall county, is visiting in Abernathy.

The Spade ranch shipped several hundred head of cattle this week.

The W. O. W. supper last night was enjoyed by all, after a program that was rich, rare and racy.

The Ivy school successfully taught by Miss Middala closed last Saturday with a very appropriate program in which Elder Ellard and Rev. D. C. Ross were called upon for prohibition speeches.

## UNCLE TOCH.

Mr. Dodson, official stenographer for this district, returned from Plaquemine last Wednesday, the dockets all having been cleared and only the grand jury remaining in session.

W. G. Street was down from Littlefield Wednesday, transacting business with our merchants.

J. H. Pettit, of Shalwater community, was here Tuesday, looking after business matters.

## TRADE DAY IS COMING

Next week's issue will take the message to the people of the great Lubbock country about your offerings for Trade's Day.

What will they be?

Let's make these Trade's Days better each month. It can be done if the merchants will only join hands with this paper. Cooperation wins in every walk of life. It is winning for the Lubbock country.

Get your bargains ready. Our ad man will call. Help the Avalanche to make Trade's Day GROW!

The article that appears in this issue of the Avalanche on the first page of the Second Section, was written in silos and silage. Mr. Winn and is a timely article. It is the result of much study on the part of Mr. Winn, and it is worth while to read, especially to those who are interested in silos and silage. Mr. Winn has posted himself on ensilage, and gives his authorities for what he writes, making it unquestioned; therefore, the value of the article to the people of those sections of country where the ensilage question is occupying the minds of the people. The Avalanche is pleased, indeed, to give it space.

The little 4-year-old child of J. C. Fipkin, of Ratarado, was brought to the Overton Sanitarium Monday, and upon examination it was found necessary that an operation was necessary, and that as quickly as possible. The operation was had before midnight, and the little fellow is today (Tuesday) doing nicely.

J. E. Vickers went over to Littlefield Tuesday, to look after business matters for some of his clients.

E. C. Brown, of Hall, was here Monday, trading with our merchants.

W. D. Hanson returned from Post City on Sunday morning's train.

## POST CITY MAN HURT

Post City, Texas, April 14.—Floyd Collins, a young man of this city, was the victim of a runaway accident yesterday evening, in which both of his ankles were broken. He was rushed to the Ponton Sanitarium, where he received medical attention, and is doing well.

Miss M. E. Giddley, of Dallas, arrived in Lubbock this week, to accept a position with the Overton Sanitarium. Miss Giddley is a trained nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mallard, who left Friday for Coma, to attend the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church at that place, returned last Tuesday.

## RAINER AT LITTLEFIELD

Littlefield, Texas, Apr. 18.—H. M. Rainer, Agricultural Demonstrator of the Santa Fe Ry., and L. L. Johnson, his assistant, and Mr. Ross, Manager U. S. Experiment Farm, near Amarillo, were in Littlefield yesterday, visiting the several agricultural demonstrators here and seeing the big irrigation well. The gentlemen are much pleased with conditions and prospects here.

Miss Wilho Briggs arrived Wednesday from Abernathy, where she had spent the past few days, looking after her cattle interests.

W. B. Montague, who has been visiting points north for the past week, returned home Tuesday.